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Election/Restrictions

The claims as amended effectively canceling (amending elected claims to read on non-elected claims) all claims drawn to the elected invention and present only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the claims as amended read on fixed oscillating cycles and no longer read on varying and random cycles as originally elected in the response filed 04 June 2007. Moreover, applicant's arguments are not persuasive regarding the new matter because applicant points to broad and general examples of the specification which do not reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that applicant had possession of the claimed invention at time of filing of the specified claim limitations. Simply stated, pointing to a genus to support undisclosed species, basically as in the instant case, is considered new matter. Thus, the newly added language is still considered new matter. Applicant is urged to amend the claims to read on the elected invention in the response filed 04 June 2007 and remove the new matter in conformance with 35 USC § 112, first paragraph.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph L. Perrin, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571)272-1305. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael E. Barr can be reached on (571)272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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